

THE BEAT



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Property Opportunity Notices

LAND FOR HOUSING PROGRAM

The Province has issued three property opportunity notices as part of their initiative to create new affordable rental housing by making Provincially owned land available to an eligible applicant(s) committed to creating new affordable rental housing in the province. To assist in offsetting some development costs, a long-term land lease for a nominal rent or a sale for a nominal amount will be considered in exchange for a commitment to create and maintain affordable units permanently or over an identified time horizon. The Notices can be found on the Town's website with a deadline date of March 28.

Secondary Planning Strategy for the Northlands

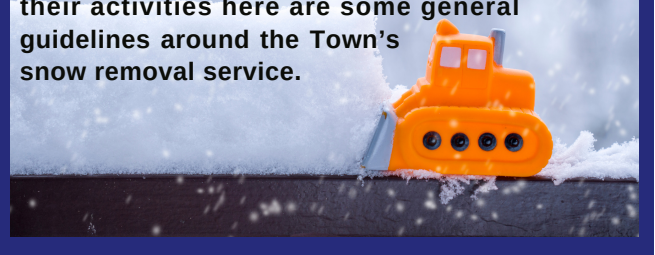
The Town of Middleton has initiated a Secondary Planning Strategy for the lands located in the northern section of the Town. The consultants for this project, Fathom Studio, will facilitate a **community workshop on Thursday, Feb 1st at 6:30 pm at the Fire Hall**. Come share ideas on how to grow the Town in this important area.



International Holocaust Remembrance Day is January 27. Learn more at www.un.org/en/outreach-programme-holocaust/page/2024

Snow, Ice and Winter!

Winter is here and so is the task of keeping streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice. To help residents and businesses plan their activities here are some general guidelines around the Town's snow removal service.



Every effort is made to ensure that roads and sidewalks are cleared and salted in a timely and effective manner. We estimate* that it takes approximately five (5) hours to plow all the Town streets with streets being cleared as follows:

- Commercial Street, Main Street, Bridge Street, King Street, School Street, and Victoria Street followed by the side streets.
- For snowfalls of less than six (6) inches: sidewalks will be plowed and sanded/salted in approximately four (4) hours. This can be done all at once with one machine.
- For snowfalls greater than six (6) inches: sidewalks will be snow blown with one machine and sanded/salted with a separate machine, in total taking approximately ten (10) hours.
- Parking lots are plowed after street plowing is complete.
- Total cleanup takes approximately twenty-four (24) hours from the time the storm ends.
- After a heavy snowfall and all the roads and sidewalks have been cleared, snow is removed from the side of Commercial Street with a loader and dump trucks the following evening.

*(*subject to difficult weather, mechanical breakdowns and staffing availability)*

Recreation Happenings



Equipment Loans

Love the snow but don't have the equipment to get outside and enjoy it? Our loan program is available for up to three days at a time, and it's **FREE!** At the time of pick up, you will be required to fill out a contract stating you are responsible for the equipment and that it will be returned on time and in its original condition. Identification is required for the rental, but no deposit is required.



We have a limited supply of cross-country skis and snowshoes in various sizes, Nordic walking poles, several snow fort and snowball building tools and 8 crazy carpets. Send us an email at loans@town.middleton.ns.ca or phone 902-825-4841 Ext 3 to reserve.

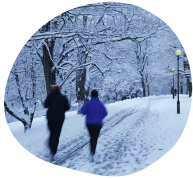


MIDDLETON AREA
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

To promote business development and community integration for growth in the Town of Middleton. We're Middleton Area Business Association (MABA), and we're here to build the business community and engage our community here in the Middleton area in Nova Scotia!

www.middletonareabusinessassociation.ca

Learn 2 Run Stronger

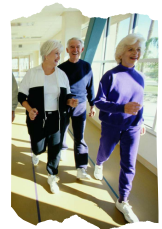


A new session of Learn 2 Run Stronger has begun. The group meets every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30PM and Saturday at 9AM.

To register or for more information mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca, and please join the Learn 2 Run Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/learnrun>

Indoor Walking Program

In conjunction with the CORAH centre, at NSCC, our Rec department is hosting an indoor walking program for Seniors (55+)



each Thursday from 9am-10am. Register by calling Heather at 902-526-0220.

Sign-up for e-billing

To receive your property tax and/or water bill electronically, please email: info@town.middleton.ns.ca

Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw Changes

In 2023 the Town reviewed its Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to look at ways to increase housing units and encourage development in the Town. As a result the following changes were made and will be in effect as of January 18:

- increasing the threshold for the requirement of approval by Development Agreement from three (3) units to seven (7) units;
- amalgamating of existing residential zones into one residential (R) zone;
- permitting the establishment of accessory residential dwelling units in accessory structures and amending the range of uses within the residential zone to include converted dwellings and various forms of residential structures containing up to six (6) dwelling units;
- clarifying the definitions to Group Homes and Small Options Homes and removing the development approval requirements for Group Homes and Small Option Homes (Directive from the Province);
- removing the provisions of Policy R13, resulting in all residential areas being treated the same with respect to applications for new multiple unit residential development and the establishment of a full range of home occupations.

The Town will be conducting information workshops in February to explain these exciting changes. Keep an eye on the Town's website for dates and times.